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| Nagaland | Rs. 50.00 Lakhs |
| Tripura | Rs. 50.50 Lakhs |

(b) to (d) The Ministry does not have any'plan to open any special centre for training of DIET faculty in any region. In service courses are organised by NCERT, NIEPA, SCERT and other institutes for DIET faculty from time to time.

**Education for all the Children**

733. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of educationally backward districts in the country at present;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps for providing education to all the children in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Though no definition of educationally backward districts is laid down, districts with female literacy below national average as per 1991 census, may be taken as educationally backward. The number of such districts is *261*.

(b) and (c) The Government is in the proceess of formulating the scheme of Serva Shiksha Abhiyan to provide unversal elementary education of satisfactory quality for all by 2010. Planning activities have been toitated and the scheme is likely to be operationalised in the current financial year. Focus has been on low female literacy districts under DPEP and Serva Shiksha Abhiyan will also focus on such districts not covered so far.